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MOLINA SOUNDLY WHIPS SEN. TORRES TO BECOME L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR IN AN HISTORIC RACE. L.A. Councilwoman Gloria Molina beat State Sen. Art Torres(D-L.A.) by 11 points (55.5% to 44.5%) to become L.A. County's first Hispanic member of the Board of Supes in this century. In the Feb. 19 special election to replace retiring Sup. Pete Schabarum, the voter turnout was about 24%. The final results end years of legal fighting between a federal court and the supes - an often bitter battle over the way supervisorial districts were drawn in the early 1980s. Hispanics claimed that the supes purposely drew lines to dilute their voting power...

...As for why Molina beat Torres so decisively, several CALPEEK sources say it boiled down to MECHANICS -- with Molina having a better VBM (vote by mail) program and a superior GOTV effort on the ground. As CALPEEK noted in its Feb. 11 issue, the credit goes to Molina's consultant Pat Bond. Another factor which swayed voters was the repeated line about Torres' substance on the key issues VS. Molina's populist, shake-em-up style. Molina's strategy of playing the part of the OUTSIDER worked well with the voters, while Torres' polished image as an INSIDER hurt him...

...Also, some CALPEEK sources believe that the DUI direct mail hit on Torres by primary rival candidate State Sen. Charles Calderon(D-Montebello) had a lingering impact on Torres. How big an impact? Torres felt it necessary late in the runoff with Molina to send out a letter discussing his status as a recovering alcoholic. Deep down, the DUI stuff was the HIT THAT HURT...

...WINNERS & LOSERS. Bond is a BIG WINNER, while Sacto consultant David Townsend, who ran Torres' campaign, was unable to ever get the Torres runoff campaign into high gear, despite more money and tons of endor-

sements. However, the BIGGEST LOSER in the campaign was organized labor, which as a group poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into the Torres effort, but couldn't deliver the vote. Other winners included L.A. Times and La Opinion. The L.A. Times, in what seemed like overkill, ran 3 editorials backing Molina. U.S. Reps. Ed Roybal and Esteban Torres & Assemblywoman Lucille Roybal-Allard were big winners too, along with various women's groups who backed Molina. Molina will take office Mar. 8 and her election means that the board will soon have a 3-2 LIBERAL majority. Now the question shifts to finding a replacement for Molina on the L.A. City Council. Yes, this is the Year of the Special Election. Stay tuned...

U.S. REP. DANNEMEYER MAKES IT OFFICIAL: HE WILL CHALLENGE SEYMOUR FOR THE U.S. SENATE. Conservative U.S. Rep. William Dannemeyer(R-Fullerton) officially announced Feb. 18th that he would challenge Gov. Pete Wilson's appointee to the U.S. Senate, John Seymour of Anaheim. The contest between these two Orange Co. lawmakers will undoubtedly turn into a very nasty GOP primary next year...

...On the traditional Statewide fly-around tour, Dannemeyer described Seymour as PRO-abortion and PRO-homosexual. For those unfamiliar with Bill Dannemeyer, the former Democrat is one of the most outspoken foes of abortion/choice, and along with fellow U.S. Rep. Bob Dornan(R-Garden Grove), are sometimes called, "Orange Co.'s Homophobic Duo."...

...In terms of a campaign theme, Dannemeyer plans to hit Seymour on the issue of flip-flopping -- first on abortion and more recently on offshore oil drilling. Yes, Dan-

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nemeyer also favors oil exploration off the Calif. coastline. If you're looking for a way to describe Dannemeyer, he is a true blue, fly-the-flag conservative...

...Can Dannemeyer actually beat Seymour in a one-on-one primary? If he is able to collect a big enough war chest, he could make life very miserable for Seymour, but even hardliners think he would have a tough time winning, which is why some conservatives asked the Don Quixote of the Right NOT to run. But as one source told CALPEEK, "He's his own man when it comes to taking political advice."...

...Dannemeyer's announcement came just a few days prior to the annual GOP State convention in Sacto, Feb. 22-24. The hardline conservative forces were expected to make a big showing at the convention in an attempt to oust the more moderate elements within the Calif. Republican Party. Dannemeyer will be in the thick of this fight, with Wilson and Seymour on the other side...

...As CALPEEK has noted before, the hardliners are furious with Wilson for naming Seymour to the senate. They are also upset with numerous other Wilson cabinet appointees, most of whom could be described as moderate Republicans. The ouster of moderates from CRP posts is just one way of showing Wilson that the conservatives have clout, but it's not the only thing they've plotted...

...As CALPEEK went to press, conservatives were planning to campaign for 3-4 resolutions at the convention that won't please the new governor. One resolution will ask the Republican Senatorial Campaign Comm. to stay neutral in the 1992 GOP primary (not likely). Another resolution is called the NO NEW TAXES Resolution. This is a direct slap at Gov. Wilson's proposed 1991-92 budget, which does include new sales taxes. The CA Republican Assembly(CRA), Team for the 90s, Grassroots Calif. and People's Advocate were 4 conservative groups pushing the NO NEW TAXES resolution. Conservatives were also pushing resolutions for traditional family values and another one that would ban the CRP from recognizing gay Republican Log Cabin Clubs. Sound familiar?? CALPEEK will update this story next week...

UPDATE ON 3 LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL ELECTIONS.
Editor's note: Here is a brief CALPEEK update on the Mar. 19th special elections in the 1st and 35th Senate Districts, and the 26th Assembly District...

- 1st S.D. - GOP underdog candidate Bob Dorr is really causing State Assemblyman Tim Leslie(R-Sacto) some sleepless nights, as he continues to pound away on the theme of "Service, not politics." Call it whatever you want, but Dorr's pledge not to accept ANY per diem payments, if elected to the State senate, has hit a responsive note in this northern Calif. district. The El Dorado County supe is also issuing a challenge to all the 1st S.D. candidates to a debate. Dorr says the League of Women Voters would sponsor such an event. The target of such a challenge is Leslie...

- 35th S.D. - CALPEEK sources in this Orange Co. district that was most recently represented by Calif.'s new U.S. Sen. John Seymour(R), believe that between 15,000 and 18,000 absentee ballot applications have been submitted to the registrar of voters, so far. And the registrar was tentatively set to mail the first batch of AV ballots on Friday, Feb. 22...

...What's significant about the Feb. 22nd date is that so far there has been very little major campaigning BY MAIL in this special election. While that may change very soon, it was thought that by now several of the major GOP candidates would have opened up on Assemblyman John Lewis(R) and his involvement in what CALPEEK has called the 1986 Phony White House Letters Case. No crime committed, but embarrassing stuff nevertheless...

...Lewis, who many CALPEEK sources think is the favorite, was dealt a major setback Feb. 17, when the Orange Co. GOP Central Committee recommended NO ENDORSEMENT by a 37-27 vote. Sources say Lewis had been working hard to win this endorsement. But the rival forces of GOP Assemblymembers Doris Allen and Nolan Frizzell, and attorney Dana Reed, combined to stop Lewis from winning this key group. Had Lewis won the endorsement, he'd have won the GOP nomination in the 35th S.D...

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• 26th A.D. - PA/advertising exec. Dean Andal appears to have a lock on the GOP nomination in this race against one other opponent, Brad Keaster of Manteca. Andal has raised the most money of any of the candidates in this San Joaquin Co. district that was represented by new State Sen. Patrick Johnston(D-Stockton). He's raised about \$40,000 so far. Andal has hired consultant Steve Presson of Sacto and Modesto-based Campaign Pathways for targeting...

...On the Demo side, which is where most of the action is, the question being asked is whether Patti Garamendi, wife of CA's Insurance Comm. John Garamendi, has the popular support to win this seat? There's little doubt she'll spend more money than all the candidates combined, but many don't see her as having a solid base of support. An example: John Garamendi worked over the San Joaquin County Central Labor Council, but failed to win over a single vote for Patti. Labors' endorsement went to Stockton Councilwoman Loralee McGaughey. Stay tuned...

STILL NO WORD FROM ROOS AS RIVALS JOCKEY.

Even though he hasn't resigned from the Calif. Assembly as yet, CALPEEK sources in Sacto expect an announcement will be coming any day from Demo Mike Roos, the Speaker Pro Tem. Roos has been offered a job heading up an as yet unnamed committee to work on solutions to the problem-riddled L.A. School District...

...In the meantime, the field of Demos who want to replace Roos has begun to consolidate around a handful of insiders who are not well known outside political circles. The newest contender, if Roos does resign, is Barbara Friedman, top deputy to L.A. City Controller Rick Tuttle. Before joining Tuttle's staff in 1985, she worked for Assemblyman Burt Margolin(D). She has also worked for the County Federation of Labor, CWA and UFCW 770...

...As for some of the others, PA executive and ex Roos chief of staff Peter Taylor has hired Marathon Communications as his campaign consultant, along with Marc Litchman. And Asst. L.A. City Atty. John Emerson has hired Skelton, Grover & Assoc. as his campaign consultants. Stay tuned...

L.A. CITY ELECTION: GOING AFTER GALANTER.
Editor's note: L.A. Councilwoman Ruth Galanter has 6 challengers facing her in the April 9th city election. Here is CALPEEK's brief update on this contest...

...Four years ago planning consultant Ruth Galanter was the anti-development darling of the slow-growth Westside quiche-eaters. In the April primary of 1987, she forced 18-year council incumbent Pat Russell into a runoff and eventually scored a 60% to 40% upset win over Russell, who like Galanter, started her career on the council as a slow growth advocate. Why did Russell get the boot? The image of being too COZY with developers...

...So why has Galanter drawn 6 rivals? The answer is about as diverse as Galanter's district, but it appears DEVELOPMENT and developers are creating a problem for this first term incumbent. Some of her rivals think she's been too easy on some developers (the Playa Vista project), while not promoting development in the Crenshaw area (rejecting the Ikea project). The headlines in several L.A. Times stories haven't been all that helpful either, particularly one story which detailed a big fundraiser (a \$500 per person MAX-OUT), where she entertained 37 of the powerful and elite of the lobbying and development world...

...Question: what are the odds that these 6 rivals can force a June 4 runoff? Some sources think it will be very close, but feel Galanter will avoid a runoff, while others are absolutely sure there is no way the councilwoman will win a majority vote Apr. 9...

...Galanter's two most serious challengers are Mary Lee Gray, a Black Republican who is a deputy to L.A. Co. Sup. Deane Dana; and Tavis Smiley, another Black who used to work for Russell and more recently worked for L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley. Both have the ability to raise some money, but not huge amounts. Neutral sources don't think Gray and Smiley by themselves can swing enough votes to force a runoff and wonder which of the other candidates will pick up the needed votes. Bottomline: advantage to Galanter, especially if Gray and Smiley don't have the money to wage a credible race...

CALPEEK GOES TO WAR: A CLARIFICATION.

Editor's note: Assemblyman Tom Hayden (D-Santa Monica) called CALPEEK editor Dick Rosengarten this past week to take exception to last week's story (CALPEEK Goes To War - IV). In the 5th paragraph of that story, CALPEEK said, "...And his (Hayden's) remarks on a cable TV show comparing Iraq's invasion of Kuwait to Israel's 1982 incursion into Lebanon, weren't popular in L.A.'s large and politically active Jewish community." Hayden took exception to the first part of that sentence. The cable TV show in question was Century Cable's Week In Review show of Jan. 18, 1991. Here's what Hayden said in response to a question about the War in the Persian Gulf: "A lot of comparisons are being made and I think wars are confused by comparisons rather than enlightened...But if a comparison be made, I would think it would not be Vietnam or World War II, but Lebanon in 1982." Later on in the program Hayden said his comparison was meant in a long-term political and non-military context. CALPEEK thanks Assemblyman Hayden for calling this to our attention...

ORANGE CO. VOTERS TO CONSIDER JAIL FUNDING.

Like some other Calif. cities and counties, Orange County is under federal court order not to have any more than 3,000 inmates in its main Santa Ana jail facility at any one time. Since this ruling has come down, CALPEEK sources estimate that County Sheriff Brad Gates has been forced to release more than 183,000 inmates — and many of them aren't just DUI or lightweight offenders...

...The obvious solution: build a new jail in Orange Co. After years of debate over site selection, the county supes picked Gypsum Canyon in the Anaheim Hills as the perfect place for a new 6,700-bed jail, courthouse and juvenile justice center. The EIRs and other studies passed on 3-2 votes, with Supes Don Roth and Gaddie Vasquez on the short end. Last week, the county's Regional Justice Facilities Committee voted to put the question of funding a new jail on the May 17 ballot...

...To finance this plan, Orange Co. voters will be asked to hike the sales tax another 1/2 cent (to 7 cents), which would raise about \$240 million over 30 years to build and run the justice center. It's the first

time this proposal will face voters and some Orange County sources aren't so sure this as yet un-lettered/un-numbered ballot measure will pass...

...An L.A. Times poll on this question puts support at 49%, opposition at 48% and the rest are undecided. The numbers in support jump to 60% when people are informed about the numbers of inmates released because of the overcrowding. Consultant Eileen Padberg is in charge of the campaign...

SCAG SETS MAR. 14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING.

The So. Calif. Assn. of Govts.(SCAG) will conduct its 1991 General Assembly conference on Mar. 14 at the Miramar Sheraton Hotel in Santa Monica. The conference begins at 2 p.m. For info about the conference, contact SCAG at (213)236-1800...

EX U.S. ENVOY TO SAUDI TO SPEAK MAR. 14th.

The Hon. Walter L. Cutler, former U.S. Amb. to Saudi Arabia, will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 4:45 p.m., Mar. 14, at the club office. Cutler's address is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of No. CA. For RSVPs, call (415) 597-6705...

BOSKIN TO ADDRESS COMMONWEALTH CLUB OF CA.

Michael Boskin, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, will address members of the Commonwealth Club, 11:45 a.m., Mar. 8, Grand Ballroom, St. Francis Hotel, S.F. Boskin's address is titled, "Economically Speaking." RSVPs (415)597-6705...

CALIF. MAY MARKET \$1.256 BILLION IN BONDS.

Market conditions permitting, State Treas. Kathleen Brown's office is getting ready to sell some \$1.256 billion worth of various bonds. Included in the package would be about \$43 million worth of rail transit bonds, approved by voters last June. Also on the auction block are school, prison, parks, higher education and clean water bonds. At the current time, interest rates are at an historic low, meaning it would be a good time to sell. Money to cover the sale is already in the governor's 1991-92 budget. The sale could take place Feb. 27th. Stay tuned...